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ROBT. DINWIDDIE TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

Williamsburg, Va., 28th July, 1752.

My Lord:—

On the other side is a Copy of my letter to Yr. Lordship of the 21st. acquainting you of the death of your Commissary * here as your Lordsh. Commissary in this Dominion. . . . I am sorry to acquaint your Lordship that the late Commissary died in low circumstances, he has left two children and a little before his death he sent for his sister and four children which are now here and had no other dependence than the favour of the late commissary for their subsistence; this large family now must be taken care of by Thomas Dawson, and he will be much straitened in supporting of them unless he has yr. Lordships favour in appointing him Commissary, and I know not one Clergyman in this country better qualified for the Discharge of that important Trust. Mr. Thomas Dawson being rector of this city and perfectly well qualified to be Commissary I presume you will think it more eligible to appoint him than a Gent. at so great a Distance (STITH) from this Place & I do assure you it will be most agreeable to me to have him appointed & I shall esteem it a Favour done to

Your Lordships most Obedt. humble servant,

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

PATENTS ISSUED DURING THE REGAL GOVERNMENT.

(Patentees' names, date of patent, number of acres and locality of the lands.)

BOOK No. 1.

Page 114. William Dawkes, Sept. 8, 1632. 200 acres, abutting easterly upon a creek called and known by the name of the two myle creek.

138. Same. . . . Lease. March 15, 1632, 50 acres, adjoining his patented land.

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* Rev. William Dawson's mother's name was Troughear.—*Note by Dr Leidy.*

143. Daniel Shurley. April 12, 1633. Lease. 50 acres, adjoining the lands of William Dawkes.

151. Matthew Smallwood. March 30, 1634. Lease, 500 acres in Bickeres bay; easterly upon the patented land of Capt. Nathaniel Powell, deceased.

162. Thomas Causey. April 18, 1635. 150 acres, in the Indian field, commonly soe called, being bounded due north upon Jordan's journey.

206. David Jones, July 4, 1635, 300 acres, over against Tapahanna marsh a little below the poynt.

214. Jenkin Osborne, July 9, 1635, 400 acres, between the land granted by patent to Capt. Woodley & the land of Willm. Bayly.

215. Thomas Bailie, July 9, 1635, 150 acres near the mouth of a creek called Baylys creek.

230. John Clay, July 13, 1635. 1200 acres, from the land &c to Capt. Francis Hooke up to the head of Ward his Creeke.

282. Hugh Cox, Augt. 27, 1635, 500 acres between Kenneges Creeke and the land now in the possession of Walter Ashton.

295. Pierce Lennon. Novr. 6, 1635. 300 acres neare adjoining to Weyenoke, bounded upon Matchocoes Creeke.

296. James Merriman. Novr. 6, 1635. 150 acres, adjoining to the land of Pierce Lennon.

314. Edward Sparshott, Novr. 20, 1635. 100 acres at Merchants hope Creeke.

314. Thomas Warren, Novr. 20, 1635. 300 acres South upon Bayliffes—East &c, W^{t}. upon the river, North upon the four mile creeke.

320. William Barker marriner, John Sadler and Richard Vuyening. Novr. 26, 1635. 1250 acres, from a seate or tract of land called Merchants hope, formerly granted to the said W^{m}. Barker his associates.

321. William Barker. Nov. 26, 1635. 400 acres, Bounded upon a Creeke called Chappells Creeke.

338. Rice Howe. May 2, 1636, 1200 acres neare Martins Brandon.

352. Cheneye Boyse, May last 1636, 1550 acres North upon the line hill Swamp, west upon Merchants hope.

372. Edward Sparshott, July 11, 1636, 200 acres. At Merchants hope creek upon the south side of the land formerly granted by patent unto him.

395. Elizabeth Stephens. Oct^{br}. 15, 1636. 1000 acres. From the Creeke called Flowordeuhundred creek, down the main river & unto the Spring swamp.

404. Richard Milton, Novr. 29, 1636, 75 acres, South upon the main river joining East upon John Clay, west upon the land &c.

410. William Tucker, Maurice Tompson, George Tompson, William Harris, Thomas Deacon, James Stone, Cornelius Loyd of London, Merchants and, Jeremiah Blackman of London, marriner, & their associates & company. Feby. 9. 1636. 8000 acres, commonly called by the name of Berkley hundred.

432. Richard Millton. May 26, 1637. 75 acres, South upon the main river joining East upon John Clay, west upon the land of W^{m}. Thomason.

439. Francis Poythus. July 13, 1637, 400 acres, North upon the head of the land now in the possession of the said Francis Poythus.

440. Thomas Causey. July 14, 1737, 500 acres. At the mouth of Appomattock river, at the south side.

468. Cheney Boys. Aug. 24, 1737. 1550 acres, North upon the line hill swamp, west upon Merchants hope creeke.

469. Christopher Woodward. Aug. 24, 1737, 600 acres, upon Appomattox river, north upon the river, adjoining land lately belonging to Willm Farrar.

475. William Barker, Aug. 29, 1737. 600 acres, Being a point of land called Bickers.

494. James Warradine. Nov. 3, 1637. 350 acres, Butting Westerly upon Baylyes Creek next above the land of John Georg.

495. Thomas Wheeler. Sept. 29, 1637. 495 acres. A neck of land between two creeks; East upon the creeke that pteth Weyanoke land and west upon Oldmans Creek.

497. John Baker. Novr. 20, 1637. 650 acres, part of the land upon Causons field Creek, East upon Appomattox river, North towards the City Creeke; the Remainder East on said river South on longs creek.

510. Henry Perry, sonn and heire to Captn. W^{m}. Perry late of Virg^{a}. dec^{d}. Dec. 18, 1637, 2000 acres. Extending from the head of Herring Creek unto the Oldmans Creek.

514. Captn. Thomas Paulett. Jany 15, 1637. 2000 acres. Bounding to the river. South &c. Eastward to the land of Captn. Perry, westward upon Berkley hundred.

537. Captn. Francis Epes. May 29, 1638. 1700 acres East upon Baylys Creek.

549. John Merryman. May 10, 1638. 150 acres. Adjoining to Weyanoke and also adjoining to the land of Perce Lennon.

544. Joseph Boarne. May 6, 1638. 500 acres. Bounded North towards the land of John Baker.

549. Rice Hoe. May 9, 1638. 1200 acres. Near Martin Brandon and Captn. Wards land.

550. James Warradin. May 10, 1638. 150 acres, adjoining his former patented land of 150 acres granted Novr. 3, 1637.

551. Walter Chiles. May 2, 1638. 250 acres. In Appomattox river &c above the land of Edward Tunstall.

550. Thomas Bagwell, May 12, 1638. 450 acres on Appomattox river. Bounded south upon a Creek, North towards the Conjurers field.

552. Roger Davis. May 4, 1638. 550 acres. On Appomattox river &c. South upon the swamp belonging to Henry Miller.

553. William Hayward. May 5, 1638. 200 acres. Lying before the plantation commonly called by the name of Conjurers field.

555. Henry Rowen. May 22, 1638. 300 acres. Near adjoining to Weyanoke, bounded upon Mathews Creek.

557. Abraham Wood. May 14, 1638. 400 acres. On Appomattox river adjoining the land of John Baker &c.

561. Joseph Farye. May 27, 1638. 250 acres. On Appomattox river west upon the falls in said river.

578. Walter Ashton. July 26, 1638. 590 acres. Between the land of Sherly hundred & the land purchased by him the said Ashton.

579. Edward Hill. July 25, 1638. 450 acres. Near a place called by the name of Jordans or Beggars Bush.

546. Edward Sparshott. May 6, 1638. 350 acres. Beginning at the north side of a small Indian field &c now up merchants hope creek.

579. Nathaniel Tatum. July 25, 1638. 100 acres. On Appomattox river. Bounded &c. Northerly upon the river, Easterly upon a creek that parteth the said land from a former devident of 500 acres granted said Tatum.

580. John Woodliefe. July 25, 1638. 200 acres. Near unto a place called Jordans, lying upon the head of his former divident.

Note.—This pat^{t}. is renewed & adjoined to a patent of 750 acres.

580. Elizabeth Grayne, widow, July 25, 1638. 750 acres. Beginning &c. adjoining the Land of John Morgan South towards Doggins Creek.

581. John George. July 25, 1638. 900 acres. On Balyes creeke.

581. Edward Sparshott. July 25, 1638. 400 acres. Beginning &c towards the head of a creek called by the name of Merchants hope.

602. Richard Milton. Oct^{br}. 3, 1638. 400 acres. Beginning &c upon great Weynoake Town. Note.—"This pat^{t}. renewed Augs^{t}. 23^{d}, 1643 &c and a pat^{t}. of 200 acres more of Richard Tisdell of the 10 Feby, 1635, added unto it & 400 acres more added unto both these patents all of which are in the name (Thomas Wheeler)."

609. William Barker marriner, his associates & company Feby 12, 1638. 1850 acres, part of the land being heretofore called by the name of Powlebrooke and now known by the name of Merchants hope.

621. Thomas Wheeler, Nov. 10, 1638. 200 acres at the head of a creek called Merchants hope.

625. Walter Chiles March 1, 1638. 400 acres upon Appomattox river. Westerly upon the river. Easterly &c upon the land of Edward Tunstall.

631. Joseph Royall. May 4, 1638. 200 acres. Beg^{g}. &c Island Creek.

645. William Barker. May 11, 1639. 1300 acres. Part of the land bounding upon the [. . .] purchased by said W^{m}. Barker of Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, now the Lady Harvey, lying up to the head of the Creek.

678. John Wall. Sept. 20, 1639. 300 acres. Butting northerly upon the land of John Hacker running up a reedy swamp. Note.—This pat^{t}. renewed &c in the name of said Wall Augt. 13, 1643 & 1200 acres purchased of Hoe, dated May 2, 1636 & 291 acres added to it.

689. Edward Prince. Oct. 10, 1639. 500 acres. Upon the South side of Appomattox river adjoining the land of Nathaniel Tatum.

694. Thomas Stegg. Oct. 11, 1640. 1000 acres. Being a neck of Land lying between two creeks, one called Old mans creek, the other called Queens Creek.

702. Henry Perry. May 9, 1639. 2000 acres. Extending from the head of herring creek, unto the old mans creek and soe high as it ebbeth & floweth up these creeks.

763. John George. Oct. 11, 1640. 1200 acres. Northwesterly upon creek South Ely, &c upon the land of Thomas Bayley.

767. Thomas Pitt. Dec. 7, 164--. 872$\frac{1}{8}$ acres. On Appomattox river. Beg.^{g}. at a creek which p.teth him from the land of Edward Skyrnes.

771. Henry Perry. Jany 6, 1639. 3500 acres. Known by the name of Buckland, being a neck that lyeth between the Old mans creek and herring creek &c.

787. John Georg. Augt. 11, 1642. 144 acres. Westerly upon the land of Captn. Francis Eppes, northerly upon a creek called Nuttkins Creek.

773. Nath: Tatum. Decr. 4, 1641. 500 acres. On Appomattox river. Beg.^{g}. &c upon the farther side of a creek that parteth the land of the said Nath Tatum from the land of John Baker.

781. Richard Williams. March 10, 1640. 250 acres at a place called Chaplins land.

837. Captn. Joseph Johnson. Sept. 14, 1642. 567$\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Beginning west on the Land of Bickers, East on the Merchants Land.

854. John Evans. Junr. Novr. 10, 1642. 460 acres in Appomattocks now called Bristoll, adjoining the land of W^{m}. Saunders.

861. Thomas Bagwell Novr. 11, 1642. 600 acres. West on the land of Captn. Harris, East on the Land of John Freeme, towards Wards Creek.

893. Thomas Wheeler, Augt. xxiiith 1643. 990 acres, at the head of Powell Creek.

910. Symon Sturges, John Sadler, & Richard Quincy of London Merchants Augt. 5, 1643. 4,550 acres. Commonly called and known by the name of Martin Brandon lying betwixt Chippokes Creek and Wards Creek.

933. James Merryman. Decr. 20, 1643. 100 acres called by the name of Martin Brandon opposite against Weyanoake.

951. Pierce Lennon. Feb'y 28, 1642. 200 acres. Between two creeks of Martin Brandon side near to the mouth of Wards creek opposite against Wayonoak marsh.

(*End of Book I.*)

NEWPORT NEWS.

With the remarkable development of Newport News the origin of its name will have an increasing interest. There are two rival theories. One attributes the name to Sir William Newce, and the other to Capt. Christopher Newport, admiral of the little fleet which brought the first settlers to Jamestown. Dr. Alexander Brown, who has made the most patient study of the early history of Virginia, prefers the first theory, and my own examination of the subject compels me to take the same view.

Let us look at the facts of the case. Sir William Newce was an English soldier of large means. He served in Ireland at the siege of Kinsale. In May, 1605, he led a company of Irish to enter the Spanish service, and in 1606 was implicated in a scheme to deliver Sluys, Flushing and other towns to the Archduke. From these charges he seems to have cleared himself, and was soon after again in Ireland. He was the first mayor of Bandon in County Cork, and was the founder of Newce's Town, a port and suburb of Bandon, on the Bandon River. In April, 1621, he offered to transport a thousand emigrants to Virginia, and his offer was accepted by the London Company, who, on May 2, 1621, chose him marshal of Virginia, and on June 13, 1621, added him